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1. Indoor tactical schemes at various headquarters became more intensive [redacted] maps of Western Germany were distributed to officers. [redacted] field exercises with troops would become more frequent in the spring and summer of 1955. [redacted] preparations in military training camps. 25X1
2. [redacted] changes in the Czechoslovak Army as compared with prewar times: 25X1
 - a. Even peace time establishments are much stronger as far as special services are concerned; for instance, an infantry regiment has up to seven medical officers now. 25X1
 - b. Divisional medical clearing stations are being established and are working already in peace time. This is caused by an effort to be better prepared for emergency. 25X1
3. Civil Defense:
 - a. Red Cross establishments are intensively recruiting volunteers from all classes of population and organizing courses in first aid. 25X1
 - b. Local national committees are organizing training courses for fire fighting and other emergency services. 25X1
 - c. Construction of underground shelters is in progress.
4. [redacted] facts concerning underground shelters in Prague: 25X1

In Prague-Vinohrady, Na Grebovce, a shelter has been completed.

In Prague-Letna, near the Kramarova Villa, digging has been observed for months behind the fence; stone and soil are being taken away in quantities, which seems to indicate the construction of an underground passage or shaft. ✓

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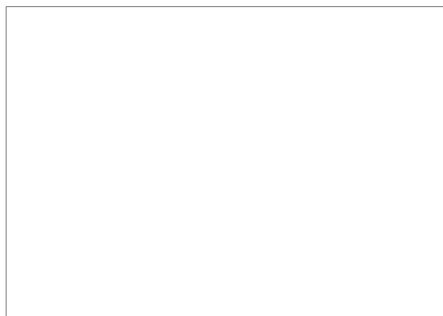
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In Prague-Letna, near the western part of the building of the Ministry of Interior, a number of ventilation shafts can be seen which are said to be connected with underground shelters in the district.



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